

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicant notes that an initialed PTO Form-1449 was not included with the Office Action. An IDS containing two pages of PTO Form-1449 was mailed on March 8, 2002 and indicated as received in the U.S. Patent Office on March 12, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests an initialed copy of the PTO Form-1449 in the next correspondence.

Claims 1-9 remain pending in the application and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,918,632 to York in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,970,397 to Armstrong. Claims 1 and 7 are the only independent claims in the application. Claim 1 is directed to a ring mountable calculator comprising:

a housing having a first edge, and a second edge adjacent said first edge;

a calculator disposed in the housing;

one set of apertures disposed in one configuration on said first edge; and

another set of apertures disposed in another configuration on said second edge.

Similarly, claim 7 is directed to a calculator comprising, *inter alia*, "one set of apertures disposed on a side of edge of the calculator; and another set of apertures disposed on the adjacent edge of the calculator."

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of claim 1 and 7 because York does not teach each and every element of the claimed invention, and the combination with Armstrong does not cure these deficiencies. Specifically, the Examiner admits that York does not teach "mounting apertures formed on a second

edge of the assembly," (see Office Action at page 2). The Examiner alleges, however, that it would have been obvious to modify York as taught by Armstrong to produce the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully traverses. Armstrong is directed to a business card system configured to be usable with a variety of business card holders, such as a Rolodex® or other similar business card holding device. Armstrong is thus completely unrelated to the field of Applicant's invention. Accordingly, there is no teaching or suggestion in Armstrong to modify the computer of York to provide a second set of apertures on a second side edge of the computer. Neither York nor Armstrong addresses the problem addressed by the present invention, specifically that of providing a calculator that can readily be mounted in different types of ring binders, particularly ring binders having openable rings disposed along different directions of the binders. The present invention is particularly useful in keeping aircraft cockpits organized and facilitating pilots' access to charts and flight calculators when navigating close to airports by enabling the flight calculators to be easily stored together with the two different varieties of standard chart formats. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 1 and 7 over York in view of Armstrong be withdrawn.

Claims 2-6 depend from independent claim 1, and claims 8 and 9 depend from independent claim 7, and therefore are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons set forth above for claims 1 and 7. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claim 2-6, 8 an 9 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments to the claims and remarks given herein, Applicant respectfully believes this case is in condition for allowance and

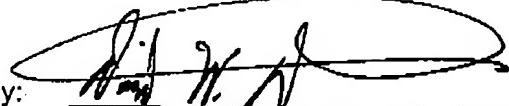
respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes any detailed language of the claims requires further discussion, the Examiner is respectfully asked to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter may be promptly resolved. The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Applicant is of the opinion that no additional fee is due as a result of this response. If any charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted,

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